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- 1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IN LATE FEBRUARY ON GHARIBIAN AND OTHER CASES, EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT MARCH 15 THAT RAZMIK GHARIBIAN REFUSED EXIT PERMISSION. SPEAKING FOR EMBASSY, CHIEF OF CONSULAR SERVICES GALISHNIKOV CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW REASON FOR TURNDOWN.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO GHARIBIAN CASE, DEPTOFF ASKED GALISHNIKOV TO CHECK ON FOLLOWING CASES: INABILITY OF MRS. JURATE LALAS NEE BUIVYDAVICIUTE OF VILNIUS, LUTHUANIAN SSR, TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO JOIN HUSBAND VGAUTAS PETER LALAS IN NEW YORK CITY; INABILITY OF CHARLOTTE DAIGLE TO OBTAIN SOVIET VISA TO RETURN TO MOSCOW TO MARRY GANTOBARY MUKHAMETSHIN; INABILITY OF DR. JOHN GLAD TO ARRANGE MARRIAGE TO LARA NIKOLAEVNA ROMANOVA WHO RESIDES IN SARATOV. GALISHNIKOV WAS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT DR. GLAD'S PROSPECTS BUT SAID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULATE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO ISSUE VISA TO DAIGLE.

HE HAD NO WORD ON LALAS.

3. DEPT OFF EXPRESSED SHARP DISAPPOINTMENT OVER TURNDOWN ON GHARIBIAN AND DAIGLE CASES AND REITERATED VIEW THAT

CONTINUED UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE ON PART OF SOVIETS IN US-SOV MARRIAGES COULD ONLY BE IRRITANT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. GALISHNIKOV REPLIED SOMEWHAT VAGUELY THAT SOME SOVIET CITIZENS WERE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE MARRIAGES WITH FOREIGNERS SOLELY IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE USSR. KISSINGER

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